

Web Links to Monthly Labor Market Data Resources

Average Hourly Earnings, Average Weekly Earnings, and Average Weekly Hours are developed by the Current Employment Statistics (CES) Unit under the direction of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data include the average total money earnings, in the survey week that includes the twelfth of the month, of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

Louisiana <http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=sm>

United States <http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t16.htm>

Civilian Labor Force is that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

Louisiana & United States <http://www.voshost.com/altentry.asp?action=lmiguest>

Scroll to Demographics and Statistics then select Labor Force.

United States & Other States <http://stats.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>

Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the average annual and monthly changes in prices via a fixed market basket of goods and services for the United States. It is also known as the Cost of Living index and is produced in two series, All Urban Consumers and Urban Wage and Clerical Workers.

United States <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?cu>

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

United States <http://www.census.gov/epcd/naics02/>

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment is employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment produced by the Louisiana Department of Labor are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

Louisiana & United States <http://www.voshost.com/altentry.asp?action=lmiguest>

and Scroll to Industry Information then select Monthly Nonfarm Employment.

United States & Other States <http://stats.bls.gov/ces/home.htm>

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data are listed by major industry employment, total quarterly wages paid, average weekly wage by major industry group, and the number of units (employers) at the parish, regional labor market area (RLMA), and statewide levels. The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) report for the first quarter of each year contains data on size of firms by parish, RLMAs, and statewide. Together, this data provides a stable economic indicator of growth or decline at the parish level. For example, one can look at the increase of employers and see what industries are adding firms or workers, as well as whether or not wages are increasing and if they are keeping up with employment gains.

Louisiana and Parishes http://www.laworks.net/qm_LMIWageData20044.asp
United States <http://stats.bls.gov/cew/home.htm>

Unemployment Insurance Claims Data are derived from the Unemployment Insurance Reporting Unit in the Research & Statistics Division that collects and disseminates weekly claims data at the local office, parish, and statewide levels. This data is available in our monthly newsletter at the statewide, regional labor market area, and parish levels.

Louisiana <http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims.asp>

Unemployment Rates for States are derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS) which is a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households across the United States. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the 12th of each month. Each state is allocated a portion of the survey for their statewide and parish (county) estimates.

Other States <http://www.bls.gov/web/laumstrk.htm>